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APPLICANT: Sixto et al.

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EXAMINER: R. Kearney

TITLE: ELECTROSURGICAL TISSUE REMOVAL WITH A
SELECTIVELY INSULATED ELECTRODE

TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In Response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Remarks. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including April 30, 2002 and requisite one-month extension fee and an additional independent claim fee. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due at this time, however, should additional fees and/or extensions of time to respond to the Office Action be required, please consider this conditional authorization to charge deposit account no. 20-0531 and a conditional petition for the required extension of time. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 22 and add new claims 26-34, as follows.

1. (Amended) An electrosurgical device comprising:

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